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SUBJ: U.S. PROCUREMENT FROM ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

REF: (A) STATE 155300, (B) CANBERRA 05133,

(C) CANBERRA 5305, (D) STATE 180955

1. EMBASSY'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION REFTEL (STATE 155300) CONTAINED OUR 05133. OUR 5305 COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN CCP TO INCREASE U.S. PROCUREMENT FROM ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.
2. EMBASSY HAS HAD SCHEDULED FOR SOME WEEKS NOW (EARLIEST POSSIBLE) MEETING WITH MAJOR PROJECTS COMMITTEE OF AMCHAM IN SYDNEY WEEK OF JULY 31 AND EXPECTS TO REPORT ADDITIONAL FACTS ASAP FOLLOWING THAT MEETING.
3. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THAT MEETING WILL BE USEFUL TO INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE PREPARING FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ADB PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES.
4. COMMENT: AS NOTED OUR REPLIES REFTELS, AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE RATE STRUCTURE IS SUCH THAT AUSTRALIAN-BASED MANUFACTURING FIRMS ARE GENERALLY NOT COMPETITIVE INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONALLY. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT TO GET A BETTER FIX ON WHETHER U.S. CONSULTING ENGINEERS HERE ARE SHARING IN ADB-FINANCED CONSULTANCY SERVICES, WHETHER THE AUSTRALIAN-BASED U.S. CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARE DISCOVERING THESE SERVICES AT AN EARLY STAGE AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE COMPETITIVE. AS WE ALSO NOTED, A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF WHAT MIGHT BE LOOSELY CALLED THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, I.E.,

MEMBER FIRMS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER ARE WHOLLY OR PARTLY
AUSTRALIAN IN OWNERSHIP OR WHERE THEY ARE NOT. THE DECISION-
MAKERS ARE NOT AMERICAN NATIONALS.
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